

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O Worship the King* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski  
Sanctuary Choir

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children.  
Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's  
activities downstairs.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-15

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*The Beginning of the Good News*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♣ HYMN 166 ST. FLAVIAN  
*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

♣ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Live Into Hope* TRURO  
Bill Cobham, trombone Jake McCarthy, violin  
Alice Walker, piano

♣ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly  
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### ♣ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In this moment draw us to yourself, Lord, and make us  
aware not so much of what we've given as of all we've  
received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in  
power and gladness and with great courage to live out  
in the world what we pray and profess, that, in sharing,  
we may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy  
ourselves, other people, and your world now, and you  
forever. Amen.**

## SEALING OF THE WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to  
me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will  
never be thirsty."

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Words of Institution

#### The Communion

(We will be invited to come to the table by rows. If you cannot  
come up front, please raise your hand and the elements will be  
brought to you.)

Hymn 533 *In the Singing* BREAD OF PEACE  
(choir sings first time, congregation sings second time)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* p. 35 in front of hymnal

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♣ HYMN 516 KINGDOM  
*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

### ♣ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♣ CHORAL RESPONSE MY SOUL THIRSTS  
*In Silence My Soul Waits*  
Sanctuary Choir

♣ POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

♣ Please stand, if you are able.

## Worship Notes

\*Louly F. Hay, Parish Associate, and Dan Walden, Director of Youth  
and Children's Ministries are assisting with worship today.  
\*Sermons from FPC can be heard on the church website: [fpccov.org](http://fpccov.org)  
\*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to  
worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when  
you leave.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Betty Lunsford-back surgery  
†Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy  
†Ann Bouchillon-home  
†Jack Wheeler-home  
†Howard Barton -brain aneurysm  
(stepfather of Perri Walden)  
†Amanda Teixeira-home, awaiting  
other surgery (Lynn Miller's  
daughter)  
†Jan Coulon-back surgery  
†Rosemary Dean-Graves disease  
†Diane Loeble-knee replacement  
surgery, home  
†David Sewell-knee replacement,  
home  
†Jeanie Liem-kidney transplant,  
home  
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma  
†Linda Pemberton-home, (mother  
of Tiffany McWaters, ELC Director)  
†Catherine Horton-Riverside (sister  
of Maxine Blankenship  
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive  
Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta  
Presbytery  
†Warren Liem-home  
†Don Bollinger-home  
†Joe Schell-dialysis (father of  
Krissy Jones)  
†Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of  
Bernice & Betty Bailey)  
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment  
†Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the  
Liems)

†Richard Carmichael-hospice  
(brother of Patrick Carmichael  
†Peni Haug-travel to Israel and  
Egypt from 2/24 - 3/13  
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance  
chemotherapy (6th grade student  
at Providence Christian School.)

#### **Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

†Mary Cline-relocated  
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias,  
Conyers  
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood  
Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

#### **Riverside**

†Joy Knight  
†Martha Borders  
†Rita Harrell

#### **Benton House**

†George Stamps  
†Doris Mote

#### **Merryvale**

†Bill Taylor  
†Elizabeth Gadilhe  
†Betty Robinson

Richard Carmichael, brother  
of Patrick Carmichael, died on  
February 20th. We extend our  
sympathy and prayers for his family.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton

*To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to  
four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family  
member's name to be continued or removed.*

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Booklets for Lent** titled "Draw Near" are available on the round table in the narthex. Each family is invited to take one and use it for your Lenten devotions. The booklet is published by the "Presbyterians Today" magazine of the PCUSA.

**Children's Sunday Worship** Sunday, March 1st @ 11:00 a.m. We'll celebrate Children's Sunday during our regular worship service. The liturgy for the worship service will be geared toward the child in all of us. Some of our liturgists will be children, and the Children's Choir will present special music.

**Youth and Parents meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m.** It's time again for us to share our thoughts on youth ministry here at FPC. Come prepared for discussion about our plans and our mission together during the last part of the school year and into the summer. Bring your calendars!!

**Men's Bible Study** Saturday, 8:00 a.m. The men will be meeting in the Jubilee Classroom. Bring your own breakfast!

**An Afternoon of Piano and Opera:** The Arts Association of Newton County is sponsoring the performance here at FPC next Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. **Susan Braggiotti** is the guest pianist and Covington's own, **Becky Ramsey, Alice Walker**, piano, and **Julianna Laseter**, soprano, will contribute their talents. The concert is free with a donation to the Dave Young Scholarship. For more information, contact the Arts Association at 770-786-8188.

**Save the Date - Vacation Bible School - June 22-26**

**Year End statements of giving are available** in the narthex for all households who gave to the church in 2014. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. If there is not a report for you and you feel you should have one, call the church office and we will print one for you.


### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, February 22</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth &amp; Parents meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, February 24</b> 4:00 Exercise class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 25</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 26</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 1</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Arts Association Concert here at FPC 5:00 Youth Connection</p>
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**WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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 Covington, Georgia 30014-2314



Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for February:** canned meats, chicken, spam, stews, etc. (no tuna)

**Baby Love:** The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local helping agencies for families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

<p><b>Nursery Volunteers today</b> Jessup Family <b>Next Week:</b> Ardis Family</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b> Bob Tabb &amp; Baxter Bouchillon chairs</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Bob Tabb Fletcher Stamps Jack Weesner</p>	<p><b>Class of 2016</b> Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden</p>	<p><b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adrian Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton</p>
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>	
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*First Sunday in Lent*  
February 22, 2015



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* David P. Dahl  
*Go With Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

✦ **INTROIT** *In Silence My Soul Waits* MY SOUL THIRSTS  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 40:3-5  
A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.** And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

✦ **HYMN 624** TOULON  
*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
O God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we have made a mess of our lives and the world. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SOLID ROCK  
Hymn 353, stanza 1  
**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**